



Docket No.: 43890-560

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

Prior Application: International Application No. PCT/JP01/04819
Art Unit: (Unassigned)
Examiner: (Unassigned)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DRYING MATERIALS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CIRCUIT BOARDS USING THE SAME, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior International Application No. PCT/JP01/04819, filed on June 7, 2001, entitled METHOD AN DEVICE FOR DRYING MATERIALS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING CIRCUIT BOARDS USING THE SAME, by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☐ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed
2. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.



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3. ☐ Cancel claims

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	35	-20	15	\$18.00 =	\$270.00
Independent Claims	5	-3	2	\$84.00 =	\$168.00
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					
Total Application Fee					\$1,178.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,178.00
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417					\$1,178.00

4a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

4b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. _____ or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application claims priority from International Application No. PCT/JP01/04819, filed June 7, 2001 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-171539, filed June 8, 2000.--

7. ☒ Priority of Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2000-171539 filed on June 8, 2000, in Japan and International Application No. PCT/JP01/04819 filed June 7, 2001 designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: **Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.**

9. ☐ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

10. ☒

Also enclosed:

Front page of Published International Application.

International Search Report prepared by Japanese Patent Office.

11. ☐

A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

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